

April 8, 2016

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

Councilmember Aldama's Second Annual Hook a Kid on Fishing Event!



Next Saturday, April 16!

Come join Glendale Councilmember Jamie Aldama of the Ocotillo District at Bonsall Park South on 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, Saturday, April 16, from 9am - 2pm for his second annual Free Hook a Kid on Fishing event. Kids of all ages are welcome to come out to the park and fish, but those kids ages 10-17 - who are accompanied by a parent - can sign up for a free Arizona fishing license that is good for twelve months at any Arizona lake.

Arizona Game and Fish will be loaning free rods, tackle, and bait for kids who do not have the equipment on Saturday, and Cabela's will be providing additional giveaways throughout the event.

Bring the whole family out to enjoy the wonderful Arizona Spring weather and catch some fish!



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Councilman Aldama District Meeting a Success

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who came out to Challenger Middle School to attend my District Meeting. It means the world to me that so many citizens of Glendale, and

specifically those in the Ocotillo District, care so deeply about their community that they would attend a public meeting and voice their opinions, their positive comments, their concerns, and of course to hear updates from myself and some of the major city departments.

I had a great time speaking with you one-on-one and felt a profound connection to you. I believe that these meetings - which all Councilmembers host from time to time - bring this wide city together as we deal with those issues that impact you and your family on a day-to-day basis.

Thank you also to all City staff that attended, including Glendale Fire Chief Terry Garrison, Fire Community Outreach Coordinator Dr. Janet Boberg, Assistant Police Chief Richard St. John and CAT Team Members, Police Commander Colby Brandt, City Planning Director Jon Froke, Max Morales and David Beard from Streets, Jack Friedline from Public Works, Sandy Adams from Transportation, Roberta Bonaski from Parks and Rec, and Bill Sterling from Solid Waste.

Please stay tuned for updates on the resumption of my mobile office hours which begin again in May!

Keep your Children Safe around Water!

GLENDALE FIRE REMINDS RESIDENTS WATER SAFETY IS IMPORTANT YEAR-ROUND

In the wake of two drowning-related incidents in Glendale recently, one in which a five-year-old child died, the Glendale Fire Department wants to remind the community about the ABC's of water safety and provide some safety tips so everyone can have a safe and happy summer.

Ocotillo District Amenities





Safe Haven Program

Are you afraid or don't want to keep your baby?
Do you just want someone to give your baby to, keep it safe, and make sure your baby gets a good home?

You have options.
Arizona has the **Safe Haven Law** that
identifies places where
mothers can safely and
anonymously give up
their babies without fear
of prosecution. We have
a Safe Haven crisis
response team available
to assist you with
questions, options and
resources, 24/7. Call 1866-707-2229.

Remember, water hazards are dangerous yearround. Drowning's don't have an off season... Make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked. Interior fences provide an additional barrier and should have selfclosing, self-latching gates.



Remember the A-B-C's for water safety:

- Always have Adult supervision around water.
- Barrier fencing around your pool is extremely important.
- Classes: Get involved Adults should take a CPR class and teach their children how to swim.

Supervision is needed around ALL bodies of water: Never allow your children to play around canals; they are deep and have strong undercurrents.

Never leave your children while bathing them in the tub or sink. Always have everything you need on hand before you start their bath.

Children can also drown in buckets, the toilet, or even the dog's water dish.

The best drowning prevention tip is to always know where your children are, especially when around water.

Glendale Civic Center 'Best in Arizona'



Glendale Civic Center Ranked #1 in "Best of Arizona" Poll Again!

If your baby is unharmed, is under 72 hours old and you don't intend to reclaim your baby, you have options! Simply bring your baby to the Safe Haven locations:

Any Hospital
Any Ambulance
Any Designated
Adoption Agency
On-duty Fire Stations
Any Designated
Church

You must hand your baby to a person at above locations or may place baby in Safe Haven drawer at designated hospitals. Tell them this is a safe haven baby and you may leave. Your baby will be cared for and a good home will be found for the baby.

Drop Off Drawer
Locations Click here for
the locations of hospitals
with anonymous drop off
drawers.

For more information please go to azsbh2.org/information/.

The Glendale Civic Center has been voted No.1 for the fifth consecutive year for meeting and conference facilities in the State of Arizona by Arizona Business Journal's Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business publication.

The Glendale Civic Center, the only government owned and managed facility to make the list, outranked other competing nationally-known resorts in the Ranking Arizona business opinion poll featuring more than 160 business, tourism and leisure categories throughout Arizona.

Located in the city's historic downtown, the city-owned venue has 40,000 sq.-ft. of flexible indoor and outdoor meeting space and accommodates corporate events, trade shows, weddings and private parties. Along with customized event planning services, Glendale Civic Center also offers high-tech audio, visual and lighting technologies, an FM system for hard-of-hearing guests and free hotspot connection to Google's indoor mapping system for mobile smart devices.

"We pride ourselves on being easy to do business with. Each client has unique needs and we do our best to meet and exceed their expectations. We are committed to providing top notch service and recognize that this is critical to our continuing success," said Diane Williams, General Manager. The facility averages 62,000 visitors to the facility annually. Arizona Catering, a local business for more than 30 years, is the venue's official caterer. For more information, call 623-930-4300. For an online video tour, visit http://www.glendaleciviccenter.com/.

Your Input is Essential!

We Need Your Input!

Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a



modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale.

The Library Advisory Board is hosting a series of public meetings to gather

community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services.

For more information, please go to http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/ WesternAreaBranchStudy.cfm

Coming Up



EVENT AT UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX STADIUM **APRIL 8-9 IN GLENDALE**

When you think of front porches, you think of Historic Catlin Court in downtown Glendale, right? Many of those front



porches in the area are early-century homes converted to shops that sell everything from eclectic fashionable finds to vintage and rustic home décor. Anyone who loves shopping in downtown Glendale - or anyone who has yet to discover it - will want to check out a show with everything vintage and handmade, coming to Glendale this spring. The best part is, Visit Glendale is inviting everyone to enter a social media contest to win tickets to the popular Front Porch Pickins event at the University of Phoenix Stadium on April 8-9!

One 'BFF four-pack' of tickets will be given away, via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/VisitGlendale. Simply click on the 'giveaway' tab to enter. Entries must be received by 10 a.m. on April 6. Entrants must be at least 18 years old; city of Glendale employees are not eligible. Winner will be notified by email.

Four hundred vendors and craft artisans will fill the huge, air-conditioned stadium for a picker's dream; shoppers will find prime opportunities for outfitting one's home, uncovering rare and unique vintage items and finding the perfect gift for the person who has just about everything.

"From mid-century modern pieces to pop-culture relics and one-of-a-kind jewelry, art and furniture, it all can be found here, especially now that we have a venue big enough to hold all of our interested vendors," said Desiree' Byrne, one of the three founders of Front Porch Pickins. "The massive growth of the event over the last few installments is a strong indication of the fact that folks are starting to seek out rare and special shopping opportunities."

In fact, some of those special vendors will be businesses from right here in downtown Glendale. Both Cheryl Kappes, owner of The Country Maiden, and Valerie Burner, owner of Bears & More, will leave their Catlin Court front porches to participate in the Front Porch Pickins event, showcasing their special products to a huge new audience.

For more information about April's Front Porch Pickins Vintage Market in

Glendale visit www.FrontPorchPickins.com.

If you're heading to the show, download the Visit Glendale app, free for iPhone and Android devices, to get directions and find restaurants, shopping and other things to do while you're in the area.

For more information, contact us at www.visitglendale.com or 623-930-4500.



New Glendale Farmers Market Begins April 9 In Historic Downtown Glendale.

Twice-Monthly Market Promotes "Eat Fresh ~ Buy Local ~ Eat Seasonally"

A new event is 'sprouting' in downtown Glendale this April, with the goal to bring fresh, local produce and handmade goods to Glendale and the West Valley. The new Glendale Farmers Market will kick-off their season on Saturday, April 9, between 8 a.m. and noon. The market will be located in the

parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, 7102 N. 58th Dr.

The market will be held in the heart of historic Downtown Glendale, at the southwest corner of 58th Drive and Palmaire, every second and fourth Saturday for the months of April through July, with a brief break and will resume again for the months of September through November. Abundant free covered parking is available in the adjacent parking garage.

"We invite everyone across the Valley to come down on these Saturday mornings to the charming, tree lined area that is the perfect spot to purchase fresh, locally-farmed produce and browse vendors selling other goods that are also made here locally," said Linda Moran-Whittley, owner of Papa Ed's Ice Cream in the Catlin Court Historic District. "And not only that, visitors can have breakfast or lunch, and enjoy a stroll to the many shops and boutiques that have made downtown Glendale such a unique and popular destination."

The Glendale Farmers Market's mission is to create a community gathering place in historic Downtown Glendale, while supporting local farmers, small businesses and community based organizations, many of which will also be invited to participate in various ways. In addition, the purpose of the market is to provide a marketplace for healthy, nutritious and sustainable foods systems for residents throughout the Valley.

Additional highlights planned for the market include:

Meeting local farmers, agricultural vendors, and home product vendors

- Food truck specialties and a variety of local eateries
- Handcrafted and one-of-a-kind items for sale
- Community booth with information from area wide 501(c) (3) organizations, local program resources, services and more
- Educational seminars with information and demonstrations about healthy food choices and how to prepare nutritious meals for all ages
- Guest speakers presenting a variety of topics of interest including history of the area, gardening and art
- Kids activities

The Glendale Farmers Market is produced by Kathy VanDerworp and sponsored by Visit Glendale (Glendale Convention & Visitor Bureau) and The First United Methodist Church. For market information contact: glendalefarmersmarket58@gmail.com. For additional information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or www.visitglendale.com.



GLENDALE YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Glendale Youth Sports League (GYSL) is winding up for the exciting Summer 2016 Baseball, Softball and T-Ball season. Registration takes place March 14 - April 8, practice starts mid-May and games begin June 6.

Batter up! The following brackets are being offered:

T-Ball: Co-ed Ages 4-6

Baseball: Pee-wee Ages 6-8 (coach pitch) Rookies Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Softball: Ponytail Ages 6-8 (coach pitch)

Cholla Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Registration fee is \$55 for Glendale residents (or \$75 for non- residents) and includes a team t-shirt and baseball cap. An additional fee of \$10 will be charged during late registration April 11-15, 2016. Sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820. Players can also register in person on Saturday, March 26, 1-4 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza, 4315 W. Glendale Ave. in Glendale.

BE A VOLUNTEER COACH!

Persons age 18 and older can submit a Coach Application to Glendale Parks and Recreation Office, 5970 W. Brown St., by Friday, April 15. For more information about GYSL, volunteering as a coach or to learn about program sponsorship opportunities, contact Mike Davis, Glendale Parks and Recreation, at 623-930-2841 or via email at mdavis@glendaleaz.com.



Make Your Taxes Less Taxing Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.



2016 Glendale Family Bike Ride Online Pre-Registration is OPEN!

<u>www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride</u> to pre-register and complete waiver forms.

Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the free annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

This is a ride for all ages and features three routes - short, long, and extended (6, 15, or 23 miles) through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge. For more information go to

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

10 REASONS YOU SHOULD BE BIKING! GLENDALE FAMILY BIKE RIDE APRIL 10

Enjoy beautiful weather, leisurely ride on one of three routes through Glendale

One of the community's most-loved traditions is back! It's the free Glendale Family Bike Ride, rolling through town on Sunday, April 10. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist, or someone who hasn't been on a bike since grade school, here's a reminder of the reasons you should be cycling.

The health benefits include:

- 1. Increased cardiovascular fitness (prevent heart disease!)
- 2. Increased muscle strength and flexibility
- 3. Improves joint mobility (important as we age)
- 4. Improves posture and coordination
- 5. Decreases stress levels (who doesn't need less stress?)
- 6. Strengthens bones (again, that aging thing)

- 7. Boosts energy levels
- 8. Burns calories on average about 300/hour! If those reasons don't convince you, what about:
- 9. Save money! Take your bike instead of your car to run errands once in a while and fill up your tank less.
- 10. Help the environment! Riding your bike to work/school one day a week, can save 13 lb. of pollution per month, or 143 lb. per year.

So take the opportunity to enjoy beautiful weather and great exercise, as well as the opportunity to explore Glendale. The ride starts from Sahuaro Ranch Park and offers three different routes with varying lengths. Helmets are required for this ride, and can be purchased at the event for \$10 (cash or check only.) On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. There is no registration fee. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. Complimentary snacks and water are provided at two rest stops along the route. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

To get more information online and to register, visit our website. Glendale is one of several cities participating in Valley Metro's Valley Bike Month, bringing attention to bicycling as a fun, healthy, inexpensive and green way to commute and to encourage new riders to give cycling a try.



Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

Apr 20 - Parson's - 9:00a.m.-10:30a.m. - 5921 W Northern

GLENDALE LIBRARY GO MOBILE PROGRAM OFFERS FREE WORKSHOP ON HEALTH APPS

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Keep that New Year's resolution!

The public is invited to participate in "Healthy Apps at Your Library" on Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., Glendale.

"Improving your health is just a touch away on most smart devices, but the amount of information at your fingertips and learning about the wide range of health and medicine apps available through mobile devices can be overwhelming," said librarian Stephanie Rumsey, Go Mobile Program instructor.

The special one-night instructional course about health and fitness apps is being presented as part of the Go Mobile Program series. Hand-held Android tablets will be provided for use during the class. Participants will discover their best health app fit by learning how to download, evaluate, compare and customize different specialty apps to optimize their use and maximize their potential health benefits.

The Go Mobile Program series is open to adults and requires prior registration at http://bit.ly/findhealthapps. For more information or special accommodations, please call 623-930-3440.

Android tablets used for instructional purposes were purchased by the library with support by the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Glendale Empowerment Expo

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Saturday April 23 from *Glendale Civic Center*

The Glendale Empowerment Expo, hosted by Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, will connect local community members with nonprofits, community-based organizations and government agencies serving

individuals with physical disabilities.

The event will feature a resource and information fair, a town hall meeting to

encourage public discussion, and awards recognizing the contributions of an individual and service provider who have improved the disability community in Glendale. Staff contact: Stephanie Miller at 930-3433.

Biography

ERIC BENNETT World Archery Champion Two-time Paralympian

Eric Bennett began shooting archery at age seven. At age 15, he was involved in a tragic automobile accident that cost him his right arm. After nearly 10 years away from the sport, Eric's father encouraged him to give archery another try. He soon began competing and re-found his long-lost passion for the sport. Eric made his first world team in 2007. Since then, he has been a part of the US National team competing in three World Championships and two Paralympic Games. Eric is the first American to compete in two different disciplines (Compound and Recurve) at two different games. He is also the first American to win a World Championship in the Para Recurve division. He is a four-time National Champion and currently holds two world records.

Eric Bennett, 42, works as a Physics and Engineering teacher at Shadow Ridge High School in Surprise, Arizona. When he is not shooting, he is a Level 4 archery coach for U.S. Archery. Eric likes to spend time outdoors camping, fishing and exploring Arizona with his family. Eric and his wife Rachel have a 10-year-old son, Logan, and a daughter, Natalie, age seven.



Paralympic Experience:

- * 2012 London Paralympic Games, 4th Place Individual Finish (Recurve)
- * 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, 9th Place Individual Finish (Compound) Career Highlights:
- * 2015 World Champion (Open Male Recurve) Para World Championships, Donaueschingen, Germany
- * 2015 Silver Medal (Open Male Recurve) Para Pan American Games, Toronto, Canada
- * 2015 Bronze Medal (Male Recurve Team) Czech Open, Nove Mesto,

Czech Republic

- * 2015 Indoor National Champion (Open Male Recurve) National Indoor Championships, Salt Lake City, Utah
- * 2014 Silver Medal (Open Male Compound) Pan American Championships, Rosario, Argentina
- * 2014 Outdoor National Champion (Open Male Compound) National Outdoor Championships, Hamilton, Ohio
- * 2014 Silver Medal (Male Compound Team) Czech Open, Nove Mesto, Czech Republic
- * 2009 Indoor National Champion (Open Male Compound) National Indoor Championship, Rio Rancho, New Mexico
- * 2008 Silver Medal (Open Male Compound) European Grand Prix, Stoke-Mandeville, United Kingdom
- * 2008 Outdoor National Champion (Open Male Compound) National Outdoor Championships, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Current World Records:

- * 60 Arrow 18m Para Open Male Recurve Individual 592
- * 24 Arrow 50m Para Open Male Compound Team 232

ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL JOURNEY: 13TH ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION TOUR

Space is Limited for this Popular Tour Sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride



Take a step back through time during Glendale's 13th annual Historic Preservation Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale, as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant.

DATE & TIME OF TOUR

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Check in and Boarding Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Departure Time: 9 a.m.

Return Time: Noon

Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center

5750 W. Glenn Dr.

A detailed itinerary, along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour. Participation is limited to the 95 seats available on two motor coaches, and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Children ages 15 and above are welcome, if accompanied by an adult.

The tour is offered for free, thanks to a sponsorship from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

To make a reservation or request additional information, contact City Planner Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com.



GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ART EXHIBIT PRESENTED AT GALLERY GLENDALE AT WESTGATE GUHSD

Students and Teachers exhibit art through the end of April

The city of Glendale proudly presents a month long exhibit featuring the artwork of the Glendale Union High School District's students and faculty beginning April 1 at Gallery Glendale at Westgate Entertainment District. A public reception for this art exhibit will be held on Friday, April 15 from 5-9 p.m.

On display from April 1 to April 30, 2016, the exhibition features approximately 90 pieces of student work from all nine schools in the Glendale Union High School District. In addition to the students' artwork, 25 teachers from around the district will have pieces on exhibit. The art will include drawings, paintings, mixed media, 3-D art and photography.

Most artwork will be available for sale.

The public reception is a gala affair to celebrate the talents of these gifted student and faculty artists. Appetizers and refreshments will be served by Apollo High School Culinary students. Music students from throughout the district will perform during the evening. The reception is a free event. Gallery Glendale at Westgate is made possible through a partnership between the

City of Glendale and Westgate Entertainment District. Gallery hours are 6-9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Gallery is located at 9380 W. Westgate Blvd. suite D-102, next to Crave Waffle Sandwich Creations. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/galleryglendale.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 RUTH BYRNE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to Glendale's Historic Heritage

The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 21st Annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize Glendale landmarks, individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions to Glendale's historic heritage.

The award is named after Ruth Byrne, a Glendale native, who made significant contributions to historic preservation in the city of Glendale. Byrne served on the Historic Preservation Commission, and is past president of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society.

Past award winners include the First United Methodist Church, a presence in Glendale since 1897; the 2011 Thunderbird Tower Restoration Committee which restored the Tower at Thunderbird School of Global Management; as well as David Chang, for the work associated with his investment and restoration of numerous historic buildings, all located in Historic Downtown Glendale. A complete list of past recipients of the Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award is available online.

Nomination forms are available at www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation and must be received no later than April 29, 2016. Send nominations to: Jon Froke, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Glendale Planning Department, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Suite 212, Glendale, Arizona 85301; or by email to jfroke@glendaleaz.com.

The Historic Preservation Commission carefully reviews and evaluates all nominations as part of the selection process and the prestigious award will be presented to the selected recipient by the Glendale City Council. For more for information, call 623-930-2585, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservaton.

ADDITIONAL CITY INFORMATION!

Please use this link to report a code violation. The Code Compliance Department will then follow-up. Please be sure to provide all information that is requested.

http://www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance/multiple-complaint-form.cfm

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/



Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident. http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2016BTSchedThurs.pdf

To find out who your Community Action Team with the Glendale Police Department is click here:

https://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/CATTEAM_MAP_032315.pdf

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